

REMARKS

Applicant submits this Preliminary Amendment and a divisional application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicant amends the specification to add claims to the right of priority and benefit and submits formal copies of Figs. 1-5. Further, Applicant cancels, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-7, and adds new claims 8-12, to better define the claimed subject matter.

Before entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 1-7 were pending in this application. After entry of this Preliminary Amendment, claims 8-12 are pending in this application.


The originally-filed specification, claims, abstract, and drawings fully support the amendments to the specification and the addition of new claims 8-12. No new matter was introduced.

If there is any fee due in connection with the filing of this Preliminary Amendment, please charge the fee to our Deposit Account No. 06-0916.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachments: Replacement Drawing Sheets (Figs. 1-5, 4 pages)

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